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MM Docket No. 92-266

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The most significant factor in cable system economics is density. At very low densities of 30 homes per mile or less, there is a large increase in capital investment per customer and certain plant expenses per customer. Some of the more significant density variables are as follows:

- **Initial Capital Investment**

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The cost to build a mile of cable plant varies little from rural to suburban areas. This is by far the largest portion of a system's capital investment (over 75% in a rural system). There is a direct relationship between density and cost per customer. If one system is half as dense as another, the distribution investment per customer doubles.

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In the typical scenario attached, the rural operator needs nine head-ends to serve the same number of customers a suburban operator services from one head-end. At a cost of over \$100,000 each, the cost differential per customer is substantial.

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These expenses are relatively constant on a per mile basis, no matter how many customers are in that mile. The cost per customer rises as density decreases.

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Vehicles	155	135	One less technical vehicle.
Other	<u>1,805</u>	<u>1,805</u>	
Total	<u>\$13,530</u>	<u>\$5,288</u>	Capital investment is 2.5 times as high in a rural area.
Investment/Customer	<u>\$ 1,458</u>	<u>\$ 570</u>	
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Payroll	\$ 460	\$ 468	The rural requirement for an extra technician but is offset by 10-20% higher wages in urban areas.
Plant	477	206	More rural plant miles mean higher costs for system power, pole rent and property taxes.
Service	933	877	Significantly lower programming costs for large operator. Copyright increases in suburban system due to larger head-end size.
G & A	149	138	Office rent is 72% higher in suburban areas but long distance telephone charges are much lower.
Marketing	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	
Subtotal	\$ 2,045	\$1,715	This is a 19.2% differential in operating expenses for rural systems.
Depreciation	<u>1,278</u>	<u>588</u>	Based on investment differences shown above. Detail is attached.
Total	<u>\$ 3,323</u>	<u>\$2,303</u>	This is a 44% differential in total expenses for rural systems.

NOTE: This is a summary comparison of our rural Ohio system at 22 homes per mile vs. a more suburban system with the national average density of 67 homes per mile. Both systems have the same number of customers (9,279 at year-end).



**IMPACT OF DENSITY ON CABLE PLANT DEPRECIATION  
(PER BASIC CUSTOMER)**

<u>Homes/Mile</u>	<u>Customers/ Mile @ 60%</u>	<u>Depreciation Differential/ Customer/Month</u>
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50	30	\$ .71
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**COMPARISON OF BENCHMARK RATES TO  
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<sup>(1)</sup>Includes equipment charges

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For this type system there is a large gap between the benchmark rate and the cost-of-service rate. An allowance for depreciation as shown on the prior page would conservatively meet the need for relief while still remaining well within cost-of-service boundaries.

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**FCC PRESENTATION  
SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

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## Impact on Head-end Depreciation of Head-end Size

<u>Head-end Size</u>	<u>Add-on Fixed Costs/ Customer</u>	<u>Add-On</u>	
		<u>Per Satellite Channel</u>	<u>Per Off-Air Channel</u>
5,000	—	—	—
2,500	\$ .029	\$ .006	\$ .003
1,000	\$ .117	\$ .023	\$ .011
750	\$ .166	\$ .033	\$ .015
500	\$ .264	\$ .052	\$ .024
250	\$ .558	\$ .110	\$ .051
100	\$1.439	\$ .283	\$ .131
50	\$2.907	\$ .571	\$ .264

250 sub system – 6 off-air and 19 cable channels

Fixed Costs	\$ .558	
Satellite Channels	2.090	(19 x .110)
Off-air Channels	<u>.306</u>	( 6 x .051)
Total Add-on	<u>\$2.954</u>	

1,000 sub system – 6 off-air and 19 cable channels

Fixed Costs	\$ .117	
Satellite Channels	.437	(19 x .023)
Off-air Channels	<u>\$.066</u>	( 6 x .011)
Total Add-on	<u>\$ .620</u>	

### Assumptions

- 10 year straight-line depreciation on variable costs and 20 year straight-line depreciation on fixed costs.
- Fixed costs of \$35,000 include head-end building, tower, antennas, fence, etc.
- Variable costs are \$3,100 per satellite channel and \$1,600 per off-air channel.

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Gross Asset Summary – Rural vs Average  
(000's)

	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Average</u>
Distribution System (\$15M/mi)	\$10,470	\$ 3,225
Head-end		
Fixed Cost (\$35M each)	315	35
Per Channel Costs	785	88
Vehicles	155	135
Installation (\$80/drop)	960	960
Converters	275	275
Tools/Equipment/Computers	130	130
Initial Marketing	390	390
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
Gross Assets	<u>\$13,530</u>	<u>\$5,288</u>
Investment/Customer	<u>\$ 1,458</u>	<u>\$ 570</u>

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Head-end Capital Costs

Fixed Costs

Building	\$ 3,500
Fence (100 x 100 @ \$9 per foot)	3,600
Tower (60 foot)	15,000
Satellite Antennas (4 ea @ \$3,000 installed)	12,000
Air Conditioner	<u>900</u>
Total	<u>\$35,000</u>

Variable Costs/Channel

Satellite Channels	
IRD Receiver	\$ 1,800
Modulator	1,200
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,100</u>

Off-air Channels	
Processor	\$ 1,100
Antenna	400
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,600</u>

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Depreciation Schedule -- Average Density

	Gross Asset	Useful Life	Depreciation Expense						
			1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Distribution System	\$3,225	12	\$ 134	\$ 268	\$ 268	\$ 268	\$ 268	\$ 268	\$ 268
Head-end									
Fixed Costs	35	20	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Per Channel Costs	88	10	4	9	9	9	9	9	9
Vehicles <sup>(1)</sup>	135	3	22	45	45	22	22	45	45
Installation	960	7	69	137	137	137	137	137	137
Converters	275	7	20	40	40	40	40	40	40
Tools/Equipment/Computers <sup>(2)</sup>	130	5	13	26	26	26	26	13	13
Initial Marketing	390	5	39	78	78	78	78	39	
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>50</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>\$5,288</u>		<u>\$ 304</u>	<u>\$ 610</u>	<u>\$ 610</u>	<u>\$ 588</u>	<u>\$ 588</u>	<u>\$ 588</u>	<u>\$ 519</u>
Net Book Value @ Year End			<u>\$4,984</u>	<u>\$4,374</u>	<u>\$3,764</u>	<u>\$3,176</u>	<u>\$2,723</u>	<u>\$2,165</u>	<u>\$1,776</u>

<sup>(1)</sup>Replaced in 1993 @ \$135M

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**Depreciation Schedule -- Rural Density**

	<u>Gross Asset</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Expense</u>						
			1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Distribution System	\$10,470	12	\$ 436	\$ 872	\$ 872	\$ 872	\$ 872	\$ 872	\$ 872
Head-end									
Fixed Costs	315	20	8	16	16	16	16	16	16
Per Channel Costs	785	10	39	78	78	78	78	78	78
Vehicles <sup>(1)</sup>	155	3	26	52	52	26	26	52	52
Installation	960	7	69	137	137	137	137	137	137
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Total	<u>\$13,530</u>		<u>\$ 652</u>	<u>\$ 1,304</u>	<u>\$ 1,304</u>	<u>\$ 1,278</u>	<u>\$ 1,278</u>	<u>\$ 1,252</u>	<u>\$ 1,213</u>
Net Book Value @ Year End			<u>\$12,878</u>	<u>\$11,574</u>	<u>\$10,270</u>	<u>\$8,992</u>	<u>\$7,869</u>	<u>\$6,617</u>	<u>\$5,534</u>

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Head-end Depreciation Expense

<u>Head-end Size</u>	<u>Depreciation/ Customer- Fixed Costs<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Depreciation/Customer/Channel Satellite Channels<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>Off-Air Channels<sup>(3)</sup></u>
5,000	\$ .0294	\$ .0058	\$ .0027
2,500	\$ .0587	\$ .0115	\$ .0053
1,000	\$ .1468	\$ .0288	\$ .0133
750	\$ .1958	\$ .0384	\$ .0178
500	\$ .2937	\$ .0577	\$ .0267
250	\$ .5873	\$ .1153	\$ .0533
100	\$1.4683	\$ .2883	\$ .1333
50	\$2.9366	\$ .5766	\$ .2667

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<sup>(1)</sup>20 year straight line depreciation of \$35,000 of fixed costs.

<sup>(2)</sup>10 year straight-line depreciation of \$3,100 of costs per channel.

<sup>(3)</sup>10 year straight-line depreciation of \$1,600 of costs per channel.

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Reconciliation of Rural and Average Density Expenses  
(000's)

Payroll

Rural Density System	\$ 460
One less technician	(14)
10% higher tech wages	12
20% higher office wages	14
Payroll taxes	<u>(4)</u>
Average Density System	\$ <u>468</u>

Plant

Rural Density System	\$ 477
Plant electric	(125)
Property Taxes	(56)
Pole Rent	(71)
R&M – Headend equipment	(10)
Vehicle Expenses	(12)
Capitalization	<u>3</u>
Average Density System	\$ <u>206</u>

Service

Rural Density System	\$ 933
Copyright	<u>94</u>
Average Density System	\$ <u>1,027</u>

G&A

Rural Density System	\$ 149
Office Rent	13
Telephone	<u>(24)</u>
Average Density System	\$ <u>138</u>

Note: This analysis shows all of the changes made to convert the Rural Density System to an Average Density System.

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STAR CABLE IV  
1993 BUDGET  
OPERATING SUMMARY

1992									1993								
OPERATING SUMMAR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL	% REV	BUDGET	VARIANCE	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL	% REV	INCREASE	%	
PLANT MILES.....	691.0	691.0	691.0	698.0	698.0		692.0	6.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0		(483.0)	-69%	
HOMES PASSED.....	14,321	14,321	14,305	14,291	14,291		14,244	47	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441		150	1%	
BASIC CUSTOMERS..	8,599	8,762	8,775	8,670	8,670		8,763	107	9,030	9,078	9,155	9,279	9,279		409	5%	
PENETRATION.....	60.0%	61.2%	61.3%	62.1%	62.1%		61.5%	0.5%	62.5%	62.9%	63.4%	64.3%	64.3%		2.2%		
PAY UNITS.....	5,168	5,204	5,150	5,095	5,095		5,000	95	5,184	5,224	5,262	5,319	5,319		223	4%	
PENETRATION.....	60.1%	59.4%	58.7%	57.4%	57.4%		57.1%	0.4%	57.2%	57.5%	57.5%	57.3%	57.3%		-0.1%		
REVENUES: BASIC	\$503,493	\$508,039	\$520,349	\$527,544	\$2,059,425	70.4%	\$2,010,164	\$49,261	\$566,105	\$571,686	\$599,316	\$635,546	\$2,374,833	71.9%	\$315,208	15%	
PAY	\$149,136	\$145,726	\$141,676	\$136,867	\$575,405	19.7%	\$595,149	(\$19,744)	\$140,935	\$140,499	\$141,763	\$143,028	\$566,225	17.1%	(\$9,180)	-2%	
OTHER	\$74,041	\$71,747	\$72,332	\$74,307	\$292,427	10.0%	\$282,296	\$10,131	\$86,955	\$90,901	\$91,964	\$93,625	\$363,464	11.0%	\$71,037	24%	
TOTAL.....	\$726,670	\$725,512	\$734,357	\$740,718	\$2,927,257	100%	\$2,887,609	\$39,648	\$795,995	\$803,085	\$833,063	\$872,199	\$3,304,322	100%	\$377,065	13%	
EXPENSES: PAYROLL	\$111,976	\$132,085	\$107,198	\$104,454	\$455,713	15.6%	\$454,286	\$1,427	\$116,732	\$115,343	\$118,994	\$118,458	\$467,527	14.1%	\$11,814	3%	
PLANT	\$116,476	\$113,810	\$113,209	\$109,734	\$453,229	15.5%	\$465,643	(\$12,414)	\$51,589	\$51,589	\$51,589	\$51,589	\$206,355	6.2%	(\$246,674)	-54%	
SERVICE	\$206,041	\$211,395	\$211,481	\$215,199	\$844,066	28.6%	\$872,023	(\$27,957)	\$216,104	\$217,954	\$220,274	\$223,411	\$877,343	26.6%	\$33,277	4%	
G&A	\$33,987	\$36,034	\$33,166	\$35,598	\$140,757	4.8%	\$137,277	\$3,480	\$34,442	\$34,356	\$35,080	\$34,552	\$138,410	4.2%	(\$2,347)	-2%	
MKTG	\$5,899	\$4,592	\$1,207	\$2,000	\$13,698	0.5%	\$26,876	(\$15,188)	\$7,070	\$5,105	\$6,655	\$6,851	\$25,682	0.8%	\$12,194	69%	
TOTAL.....	\$474,369	\$499,916	\$466,243	\$466,925	\$1,907,453	65.2%	\$1,956,105	(\$50,652)	\$425,936	\$423,947	\$430,772	\$434,861	\$1,715,517	51.9%	(\$191,939)	-10%	
NET OP INCOME.....	\$252,301	\$225,596	\$266,114	\$273,793	\$1,019,804		\$929,504	\$90,300	\$370,058	\$379,117	\$402,292	\$437,337	\$1,588,805		\$569,001	56%	
NET OP MARGIN.....	34.7%	31.1%	36.5%	37.0%	34.8%		32.2%	2.6%	46.5%	47.2%	48.3%	50.1%	48.1%		13.2%		

KEY OPERATING INDICATORS

REV/SUB/MO.....	\$28.17	\$27.86	\$27.92	\$27.99	\$27.98	-	-	\$29.53	\$29.54	\$30.51	\$31.53	\$30.28	\$2.30	8%
N.O.I./SUB/MO....	\$9.76	\$8.66	\$10.19	\$10.34	\$9.74	-	-	\$13.73	\$13.96	\$14.73	\$15.81	\$14.56	\$4.82	49%
BASIC CHURN.....				1.8%	-	-	-	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%		
PLANT EMPLOYEES..	6	6	6	6.0	6.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0%
G&A EMPLOYEES....	6	6	6	6.0	6.0	0.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0%
BAS SUBS/EMPL....	717	730	731	739	-	-	-	753	757	763	773	773	34	5%
MILES/PLANT EMPL	115	115	115	118	-	-	-	36	36	36	36	36	(61)	-69%
PLANT EXP/MILE...	\$56	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	-	-	\$66	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$25	45%
PLANT EXP/SUB....	\$4.52	\$4.37	\$4.30	\$4.34	\$4.36	-	-	\$1.91	\$1.90	\$1.89	\$1.86	\$1.89	(\$2.49)	-57%
BAD DEBT/REV.....				0.8%	-	-	-	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%		
BASIC PROG/SUB...				\$3.23	-	-	-	\$2.65	\$2.67	\$2.69	\$2.69	\$2.66		
PAY PROG/PAY REV.				53%	-	-	-	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%		
MKTG EXP/CONNECT.				\$4	-	-	-	\$8	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$6		

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BASIC SUBSCRIBERS

	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	TOTAL
HOMES PASSED/MILES															
* PLANT MILES-Aerial	656.5	658.5	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0	204.0
* -U/G	34.5	39.5	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
-Total	691.0	698.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0	215.0
* HOMES PASSED	14,305	14,291	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441	14,441
HOMES TO BE MARKETING	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	TOTAL
* NEW MKT RELEASES		69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* HOMES MARKETING		69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* SELL-IN PENETRATION		55.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ENDING INVENTORY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASIC CUSTOMERS	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	TOTAL
CONNECTS: NEW MKT		38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* OTHER		522	131	135	155	155	155	132	132	160	180	180	175	170	1,860
TOTAL		560	131	135	155	155	155	132	132	160	180	180	175	170	1,860
DISCONNECTS: TOTAL		465	131	131	131	131	131	132	132	132	132	133	134	134	1,581
* CHURN %		1.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
NET GAIN:		95	(0)	4	24	24	24	0	0	28	48	47	41	36	278
END OF MONTH.....	8,605	8,700	8,700	8,705	8,729	8,753	8,777	8,777	8,778	8,806	8,854	8,901	8,943	8,978	
* COMMERCIALS	170	170	301	301	301	301	301	301	301	301	301	301	301	301	
TOTAL BASIC SUBS.....	8,775	8,870	9,001	9,006	9,030	9,054	9,078	9,078	9,079	9,107	9,155	9,202	9,244	9,279	
AVERAGE SUBSCRIBERS		8,823	8,936	9,004	9,018	9,042	9,066	9,078	9,078	9,093	9,131	9,178	9,223	9,262	
BASIC PENETRATION	61.3%	62.1%	62.3%	62.4%	62.5%	62.7%	62.9%	62.9%	62.9%	63.1%	63.4%	63.7%	64.0%	64.3%	

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PAY SUBSCRIBERS

	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	TOTAL
TOTAL PAY UNITS															
* PAY/BASIC NEW MARKET SELL-IN %.....		55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	
CONNECTS-NEW MKT		21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* CONNECTS-ALL OTHER		588	155	155	160	185	200	205	210	215	225	225	225	225	2,385
TOTAL CONNECTS		609	155	155	160	185	200	205	210	215	225	225	225	225	2,385
DISCONNECTS		612	178	178	177	176	176	177	204	204	204	205	206	207	2,293
* CHURN %		4.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	
NET GAIN		(3)	(23)	(23)	(17)	9	24	28	6	11	21	20	19	18	92
END OF MONTH.....	5,098	5,095	5,072	5,049	5,033	5,041	5,065	5,093	5,099	5,110	5,131	5,150	5,169	5,188	
COMMERCIALS	0	0	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	
TOTAL PAY UNITS.....	5,098	5,095	5,203	5,180	5,164	5,172	5,196	5,224	5,230	5,241	5,262	5,281	5,300	5,319	
AVERAGE UNITS PAY/BASIC PENE	58.1%	57.4%	57.8%	57.5%	57.2%	57.1%	57.2%	57.5%	57.6%	57.5%	57.5%	57.4%	57.3%	57.3%	

PAY UNIT BREAKDOWN (Residential Units)	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	TOTAL
% OF TOTAL PAY															
HBO.....	36.8%	36.5%	36.6%	36.9%	36.9%	36.9%	36.7%	36.7%	36.7%	36.6%	36.4%	36.2%	36.1%	36.0%	-0.5%
* SHOWTIME.....	15.7%	16.5%	16.5%	16.5%	16.5%	16.5%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%	0.3%
* CINEMAX.....	29.2%	27.5%	27.1%	25.9%	25.9%	25.9%	25.7%	25.7%	25.7%	25.6%	25.6%	25.7%	25.8%	25.8%	-1.7%
* TMC.....	0.0%	2.8%	3.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	1.7%
* DISNEY.....	18.3%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.8%	16.8%	16.9%	0.2%
* REGIONAL SPORTS.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
* TIGERVISION.....	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
* OTHER 1.....	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
* OTHER 2.....	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

EOM PAY UNITS	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	TOTAL
HBO (Residential)	1,874	1,860	1,856	1,863	1,857	1,860	1,859	1,869	1,871	1,870	1,868	1,864	1,866	1,868	8
SHOWTIME.....	600	641	637	633	630	632	646	650	652	653	662	665	668	672	31
CINEMAX.....	1,489	1,401	1,374	1,308	1,303	1,308	1,302	1,309	1,310	1,308	1,313	1,324	1,334	1,336	(63)
TMC.....	0	143	157	202	201	202	213	214	214	225	231	232	233	233	91
DISNEY.....	935	851	847	843	840	842	846	850	852	853	857	865	868	877	26
REGIONAL SPORTS.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIGERVISION.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER 1.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER 2.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* COMMERCIALS	0	0	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131
	5,098	5,095	5,203	5,180	5,164	5,172	5,196	5,224	5,230	5,241	5,262	5,281	5,300	5,319	223



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OTHER SUBSCRIBERS

OTHER SUBSCRIBERS	9-30-92	4Q 92	JAN 93	FEB 93	MAR 93	APR 93	MAY 93	JUN 93	JUL 93	AUG 93	SEP 93	OCT 93	NOV 93	DEC 93	Net Change
<b>FAMILY TIER CUSTOMERS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....	8,720	8,692	8,692	8,696	8,720	8,745	8,768	8,769	8,769	8,797	8,845	8,892	8,934	8,969	278
AVERAGE.....		8,706	8,692	8,694	8,708	8,732	8,756	8,768	8,769	8,783	8,821	8,869	8,913	8,952	
<b>ADDITIONAL OUTLETS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	21.9%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....	1,895	1,943	1,971	1,972	1,978	1,983	1,988	1,988	1,988	1,994	2,005	2,015	2,024	2,032	90
AVERAGE.....		1,919	1,957	1,972	1,975	1,980	1,985	1,988	1,988	1,991	2,000	2,010	2,020	2,028	
<b>REMOTE CUSTOMERS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....	701	665	675	675	677	679	681	681	681	683	687	690	693	696	31
AVERAGE.....		683	670	675	676	678	680	681	681	682	685	688	692	695	
<b>GUIDE CUSTOMERS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....	1,676	1,730	1,755	1,758	1,761	1,766	1,770	1,770	1,770	1,776	1,785	1,794	1,802	1,809	80
AVERAGE.....		1,703	1,742	1,756	1,759	1,763	1,768	1,770	1,770	1,773	1,781	1,790	1,798	1,806	
<b>OTHER ANCILLARY CUSTOMERS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AVERAGE.....		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CONVERTER RENTAL CUSTOMERS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....	464	444	450	450	452	453	454	454	454	455	458	460	462	464	20
AVERAGE.....		454	447	450	451	452	453	454	454	455	457	459	461	463	
<b>LATE CHARGE CUSTOMERS</b>															
* % OF BASIC		13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	0.0%
END OF MONTH.....		1,153	1,170	1,171	1,174	1,177	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,184	1,180	1,186	1,202	1,206	53